GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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COST OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION UNDER PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has carried out any assessment of the cost of road construction under the `Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)` for different types of terrain in the country;

(b) if so, the separate total cost per kilometer for mountaineous, hilly, desert and plains terrain;

(c) whether the Government has also made any arrangements for supervising the construction by having consultants or supervisors from the Centre itself; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of consultants/supervisors and the expenditure involved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) The Government has not carried out any general assessment of the cost of road construction under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for different types of terrain in the country. The cost of road construction under the scheme is estimated in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for each road work, prepared by the State Government, based on the investigations carried out on site specific conditions.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) &(d) The Ministry has advised the 10 Core States, 2 Hill States and 7 North Eastern States on 13th June,2005 that they can engage Project Implementation Consultants (PIC) to assist Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) in preparation of Project Proposals, Work Procurement, Construction Supervision, Project Performance Monitoring, Training of PIU and Contractor personnel, Application of Social and Environmental Safeguards.

The North-Eastern States have further been advised on 22nd July, 2005 that they can also have Project Management Consultant (PMC) to assist the State Rural Roads Development Agency (SRRDA), with 100% funding from PMGSY.